

County Report

Sample Ballots Mailed To Registered Voters

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No subject is more on the minds of citizens these days than the Nov. 5 general election.

And it's about this time each election year that voters realize the full importance of casting a ballot which best expresses their views, both on the candidates and the propositions.

So that voters can have plenty of time to familiarize themselves with the ballot and the arguments on the propositions, sample ballots are mailed in advance by the County Registrar-Recorder to all registered voters.

SAMPLE ballots are being mailed to 578,819 registered voters in the Fourth District, which I represent. This comprises approximately one-fifth of the county's 3.1 million registered voters.

In the June Primary, there was some difficulty with the printing and mailing of the sample ballots. Every conceivable step has been taken to assure that voters will receive them in plenty of time for thorough study in this election.

Printing and mailing sample ballots is a complex job, since there are 232 different ballots being used throughout the county. In addition to national, state, and county issues, the ballots must reflect district questions, municipal judgeships, and other local items.

JUST TO show you what a mammoth job the mailing is, consider the fact that six inserting machines are operating 18 hours daily, filling 200,000 envelopes for mail-sample ballot by Thursday, ing.

You should have your

Oct. 31. Some of you have them already.

If you do not receive the sample by that date, call 628-9211 immediately. The clerk on duty will make certain you receive one in the mail right away.

It's important that you are familiar with all the issues this election, and a sample ballot performs this service.

LOS ANGELES County Supervisors have voted unanimously to continue a program which immunizes pre-school age children against communicable diseases.

The program has been in effect since 1964, and more than 3 million children have been immunized. This includes more than 600,000 measles inoculations since that vaccine became available in 1966.

The program is administered by the County Health Department and funded by the Federal Government. Some \$328,000 has been set aside for the project in the next year.

The full impact of the program can be appreciated when you realize that since the measles program was started, there has been a 90 per cent decrease in incidence of the disease.

SPEAKING of diseases, the County Health Department has put its annual influenza surveillance program into effect.

Daily telephone polls and weekly postcard checks are conducted to measure the activity of influenza in industry and schools, using the absentee rate as a guideline. The figures are used to pinpoint problem areas and to make certain the Health Department is not caught unprepared by a flu epidemic.

The department is taking an active role in educating the public to the importance of contacting a doctor at the first sign of the disease so that serious illness or even death can be prevented.

A FLU vaccine is on the market but is available in only limited quantities. Presently it is made available to persons whose life would be jeopardized if stricken by the flu, such patients of chronic illnesses.

Every effort is being made to prevent intrusion of the flu germ into the County, as well as to acquire the needed amounts of flu vaccine to combat it if an outbreak should occur.

Experts predict that we can expect small outbreaks of the Asian or Hong Kong flu virus for the next few months. There has been an outbreak in San Diego among 15 Marines returning from Vietnam.

'Townsend Girls' Get Uniforms

Ladies for Larry suffered pierced fingers and sore knees during an old-fashioned sewing bee last week creating original uniforms for 10 Townsend girls who will accompany the incumbent 67th District Assemblyman, L. E. (Larry) Townsend to various campaign functions.

Working five straight nights in the rear office of Townsend's campaign headquarters at 16610 Crenshaw Blvd., and at odd hours, when the girls were available for fittings, the Assemblyman's wife, Shirley, designed the original costumes

and was assisted by lady campaign workers.

"We cut the original pattern out of brown wrapping paper which was donated by our family dry cleaner and the total cost of the material and thread for the uniforms was \$63.24," Mrs. Townsend said. "The labor, obviously, was free," she quipped.

The Townsend Girls will be chaperoned at all events by Mrs. Mary Ann Benson, State Democratic Central Committee member.

The 10 Townsend Girls are Arlene, Dorothy, and Kathy Banks; Cherie Mundt

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Champagne Reception Will Honor Cranston

The Harbor Area Committee to Elect Cranston has sent out invitations to a champagne reception in honor of Alan Cranston, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate.

The reception will be held Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Elaine Grant, 6100 Via Subida, Miraleste.

Mrs. Leonard Kendy, Harbor Area coordinator for the Cranston campaign, said, "we are very fortunate to have Mrs. Grant offer us her home. It is one of the most unusual houses on the Peninsula. Appropriately called 'The Flying Saucer,' the round glass house guards a six-acre knoll which, from an elevation of 1,000 feet, takes in a view of Catalina Island, the harbor and city of Los Angeles. The house

was built 6 years ago and the site is covered with choice plantings."

There will be no admission charge for the reception and the committee has planned entertainment and the appearance of special guest celebrities from a top-rated television show. Valet parking will also be provided.

Hostesses for the event include: Mmes. Gilbert Drummond, Arthur Litman, Alvin Goldenson, Milford Wyman, Donald Salk, Jerome Sokolski, Jeff Hare, George Mohler, Leonard Kendy, David Shiras, Leon Cooper; and Misses Nyna Trutanich, Laurie Perazo, Janice Benoit, Vivian Zuvich, Mavis McGowan and Galen Samson.

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